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**PARTNER VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Monday, May 10, 2021, 1:00 – 4:00 pm EST**

**NOTES**

**Participants**

The list of participants is appended (see page 13).

**Supporting Documents**

**(a) C-Dem Annual Report**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/9xfjdz8itmkb3t6/Sent%20to%20partners%20C-Dem%202021%20Annual%20Report.pdf?dl=0>

**(b) C-Dem Annual Report PowerPoint Presentation**

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/ytp4u1x09zm7dri/C-Dem%20Annual%20Report%202021\\_final.pptx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ytp4u1x09zm7dri/C-Dem%20Annual%20Report%202021_final.pptx?dl=0)

**Agenda Item # 1: Report from C-Dem Co-Directors**

**(a) New Researchers**

*Matthew Lebo*, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, Western University, has joined the Academic Network as a collaborator. Matt is very interested in working with the network to encourage students in underrepresented groups to study political behaviour and take part in C-Dem activities.

*Holly Ann Garnett*, Assistant Professor, Royal Military College, has joined the network as the representative of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations (Queen's University). Holly Ann has recently taken over as the Director of the Electoral Integrity Project (EIP). C-Dem will explore opportunities for collaboration with the EIP this year.

**(b) New Partners**

Three new partners joined the C-Dem network in the past year:

- *Elections New Brunswick* ([www.electionsnb.ca](http://www.electionsnb.ca)); C-Dem worked with Elections New Brunswick (NB) to field questions on the provincial election study and provided a report of the results
- *Glocal Foundation of Canada* ([www.glocalfoundation.ca](http://www.glocalfoundation.ca)) runs [www.youcount.ca](http://www.youcount.ca), a website that provides information about representatives and electoral candidates to people across Canada; GLOCAL will assist in spreading the word about C-Dem's research findings and help to collate and synthesize political information for Canadians
- *Latin American Public Opinion Project Lab* ([www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop)) runs the Americas Barometer and is at the forefront of survey design and implementation in less-developed countries

## (c) New Personnel

### i. Postdoctoral Fellows

*Amber Hye-Yon Lee* joined the C-Dem network in January as the postdoctoral fellow at Ryerson University. *Laura French Bourgeois*, postdoctoral fellow at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), is on leave. *Christian Schimpf* has been hired to replace Laura from June 1 to August 31; *Matt Polacko* will be the postdoctoral fellow at UQAM starting September 1. *Joanie Bouchard*, postdoctoral fellow at Western University, finishes her term this year. C-Dem has started the search for her replacement.

### ii. Data Collection Manager

C-Dem has hired a fulltime Data Collection Manager, Sabrina Spence, to assist the co-directors with the specific tasks associated with coordinating programming and fielding surveys. Sabrina is also responsible for cleaning and preparing datasets for distribution as well as preparing codebooks.

### iii. Research Assistants

C-Dem employs research assistants at all three levels of study. Research assistants are based at Western, UQAM, Ryerson, Toronto, and at institutions working on provincial studies.

### iv. Visiting Students

C-Dem is open to hosting visiting students through opportunities such as SSHRC, FQRSC, and Fulbright. Short-term research visits are also possible. C-Dem has a large amount of data to support student research projects.

## (d) Data Collection

### i. Completed Studies

Since 2019, C-Dem has collected almost 60,000 surveys, most of them being multi-wave. The surveys conducted in 2020 - 2021 were the Democracy Checkup (DC) survey (conducted annually outside of the federal election) and Provincial/Territorial Election Studies (PTES), as outlined in the chart below.



The 2020 DC was run twice in May 2020. The second wave was completed in partnership with the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR).

C-Dem expected to run one provincial study in 2020, but instead did three, and a fourth in February 2021. PTES data collections have ramped up far sooner than originally planned. That being said, the core instrument was largely designed early in 2020 in consultation with provincial leads, and each subsequent election study only required a small subset of adjustments.

The data is incredibly rich. Surveys have been conducted before and after elections. The wording of the questions has been very consistent.

## ii. Upcoming Studies

The next DC is planned for this month (May 2021). If there is a federal election after the DC, we will investigate the possibility of recontacting the DC respondents to have another multiple wave study with pre-campaign data.

Additional surveys planned are outlined in the chart below.

Future Planned Surveys			
	Democracy Checkup (N>8000)	Canadian Election Study	Provincial / Territorial Election Study (PTES) (N~1500)
<b>2021</b>	✓	?	Tłıcho Government, Nova Scotia
<b>2022</b>	✓	?	Ontario, Quebec
<b>2023</b>	✓	?	Manitoba, Alberta, PEI
<b>2024</b>	✓	?	
<b>2025</b>	✓		
<b>2026</b>	✓		

At least two PTES are expected in 2021. The first is the Tłıcho Government, a community located in Northwest Territories. Their Grand Chief and the Community Governments of Behchokò, Whatì, Gamètì, and Wekweètì will be elected at that time. Jerry Sabin (Carleton University) is the lead C-Dem co-investigator on this project. C-Dem is working with him, the Tłıcho Government (a C-Dem partner), and John Zoe (senior advisor to the Tłıcho Government and a C-Dem collaborator) to adapt the C-Dem core survey and develop the Research Ethics protocol. Members of the Tłıcho community will be employed to conduct CATI surveys, utilizing the Qualtrics platform and our in-house programming. The entire community will be surveyed (approximately 1000 persons). The surveys will be offered in English and Tłıcho. This project is unique. It is hoped that it can be a model for future studies of Indigenous government elections in Canada.

Nova Scotia is also expected to have an election in 2021, although there is no requirement that one be held until April 2022. Jason Roy (Wilfrid Laurier University) is the lead co-investigator on that study. He has already begun working with a research assistant on the project.

These surveys provide numerous opportunities for members of the C-Dem network to collect data. There are opportunities as well to work with C-Dem to gather survey data on pressing questions.

### **iii. Collaboration with Election Management Body (EMB) Partners**

#### ***Election Administration***

Following the practice of previous Canadian Election Study (CES) surveys, C-Dem included questions about election administration in the 2019 CES. C-Dem's report on those questions was shared with the EMB partners. Elections Ontario (ON) collaborated on refining the EMB module. Further refining was done in collaboration with Elections NB, Elections British Columbia (BC), and Elections Saskatchewan (SK) during the provincial elections in the fall. The questions in the EMB module include:

- Satisfaction with the election process
- Opinions on voting by mail
- Knowledge of voting options
- Awareness of EMB advertising campaigns
- COVID-19 pandemic safety precautions at polling stations
- Satisfaction with voting experience

#### ***Measuring the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic***

C-Dem developed novel questions to include in the 2019 DC wave 4 survey which was conducted in March 2020, when the pandemic started. The novel questions were also included in the 2020 DC conducted in May 2020.

These questions continued to be refined. C-Dem worked with its EMB partners to incorporate questions into the election administration module about safety, comfort and voting by mail. Questions were included in the PTES in the fall of 2020 and winter of 2021. Examples of the topics covered are:

- Satisfaction with the government handling of the pandemic
- Provincial performance compared to other provinces
- Vaccine hesitancy
- Individual risk level

### **(e) Key Outputs – \*indicates peer-reviewed; † indicates paper outside network**

#### **i. Publications**

\*Laura B. Stephenson, Allison Harell, Daniel Rubenson, and Peter John Loewen. 2021. "Measuring Preferences and Behaviours in the 2019 Canadian Election Study." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423920001006>.

\*Laura French Bourgeois, Allison Harell, and Laura B. Stephenson. 2020. "To follow or not to follow: Social norms and civic duty during a pandemic." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 273-278.

Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Allison Harell, and Laura Stephenson. "Women and racialized Canadians worry more about COVID-19 largely because they are more at risk. This may have future mental health implications." *Policy Options* May 21, 2020.

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/may-2020/concern-about-pandemic-differs-acrossgender-and-race-lines/>

\* † Erl, C., 2021. "The People and The Nation: The "Thick" and the "Thin" of Right-Wing Populism in Canada." *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(1), pp.107-124.

\*Joanie Bouchard. Accepted. "I think Canadians look like all sorts of people": ethnicity, political leadership, and the case of Jagmeet Singh." *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.

\*John Kennedy, Anthony Sayers, and Christopher Alcantara. 2021. "Does federalism prevent democratic accountability? Assigning responsibility for rates of COVID-19 testing." *Political Studies Review* April 5, 2021.

Michael Morden and José Ramón Martí. "Canada can prove it's a leader in deliberative democracy." *Policy Options* November 27, 2020.

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/november-2020/canada-can-prove-its-a-leader-in-deliberative-democracy/>

## ii. Reports

Samara Centre for Democracy, *Temperature Check: Canadian Democratic Attitudes in a Pandemic*. [https://www.samaracanada.com/docs/default-source/reports/temperature-checkby-the-samara-centre-for-democracy.pdf?sfvrsn=60661e2f\\_4](https://www.samaracanada.com/docs/default-source/reports/temperature-checkby-the-samara-centre-for-democracy.pdf?sfvrsn=60661e2f_4)

John R. McAndrews, Aengus Bridgman, Peter John Loewen, Daniel Rubenson, Laura B. Stephenson, and Allison Harell. Evaluation of the 2019 Federal Leaders' Debates. Commissioned report for the Leaders' Debates Commission.

## iii. Presentations, Talks, and Working Papers

Laura Stephenson, "Minority Groups in the 2019 Canadian Election: Preliminary Reflections from the CES", The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, Indigeneity, and Gender in Contemporary Canadian Electoral Politics Workshop, Memorial University, February 24-25, 2020.

Laura Stephenson, Allison Harell, Daniel Rubenson, and Peter John Loewen. "Motivated to Forgive? Partisan Scandals and Party Supporters." Presented at the American Political Science Association conference, virtual, September 9 - 13, 2020.

Allison Harell. "Sharing with Strangers: National Identity, Cross-Group Solidarity and Redistribution in Canada." University of Calgary Departmental Virtual Speaker Series, January 15, 2021.

Allison Harell. "Social Diversity, Partisan Identities and the 2019 Canadian Election." February 2, 2021. Canadian Studies Spring 2021 Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley.

Eric Merkley. 2020. "Polarization Eh? Ideological Divergence and Partisan Sorting in the Canadian Mass Public." Working paper, <https://osf.io/cnzer>

† Fred Cutler, Antony Hodgson, and Alexandre Rivard. 2020. "Voter Preferences, Local Party Competitiveness, Turnout, and Strategic Voting: Deterrents to Voting are Unequally Distributed." <https://preprints.apsanet.org/engage/apsa/article-details/5fa32d5ecfc2cb001205dc82>

#### **iv. Research in Progress**

Laura Stephenson, Allison Harell, Daniel Rubenson, Peter John Loewen, and Amber Lee. "Motivated to Forgive? Partisan Scandals and Party Supporters." [APSA 2020, under revision for submission]

Joanie Bouchard, Allison Harell, Antoine Thériault, and Laura Stephenson. "Le vote populiste au Canada? Une comparaison de l'offre et la demande." [under revision for submission]

Laura French Bourgeois, Allison Harell, and Laura Stephenson. "Social norms: the driving forces behind civic duty and participation." [under revision for submission]

Jordan Mansell, Laura Stephenson, and Allison Harell. "Who Are Affective Partisans Anyway? Using Random Forest Classification to Explain Affective Partisanship, an A-Theoretical Approach." [European Journal of Political Research 2021]

#### **v. New Methodological Paper Series in Preparation for the Next CES**

##### *Measuring mode comparison*

- Graduate student at Western University, Alvaro Pereira, is working on replicating the analyses of Breton et al. (2017) on the 2015 election

##### *Measuring gender*

- Postdoctoral fellow at the University of Toronto, Quinn Albaugh, is compiling a report about how to ask respondent about sex, gender, and sexuality

##### *Measuring ethnicity*

- Postdoctoral fellow at Ryerson University, Amber Hye-Yon Lee, is working on how to collect data on respondent ethnicity and racial identity



## vi. Teaching Tools

**Explorations: Conducting Empirical Research in Canadian Political Science, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Loleen Berdahl and Jason Roy**

**Lab Manual: Stata Handbook**

**Lab Manual: SPSS Handbook**

**Lab Manual: R Handbook**

**Abstract:** The newest edition of Explorations (Berdahl and Roy 2021) offers a comprehensive introduction to the qualitative and quantitative methods used in Canadian political science research. The sections on quantitative methods incorporate examples drawn from the CES with step-by-step instruction to replicate the examples in companion handbooks (R, SPSS, and Stata). This is a fantastic resource that will help students and research assistants and practitioners understand how to use the CES for their research needs.

Oxford University Press Canada has agreed to make the companion methodological guides (using the CES in SPSS, Stata, and R) publicly available on their website.

## vii. Upcoming Conferences

***Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) June 7 – 10, 2021***

*Panels*

C-Dem has organized a *two-part panel series*, bringing together researchers that are using the 2019 CES and the 2020 DC to explore two key areas of electoral democracy. The panels showcase the research of C-Dem network members as well as the winners of the 2019 and 2020 module competitions.

*Panel 1: Voters and the 2019 Canadian Federal Election*

[https://cpsaevents.ca/2021/sessions\\_pl.php?id=101](https://cpsaevents.ca/2021/sessions_pl.php?id=101)

In the first panel, the following papers explore the dynamics of the 2019 Canadian federal election campaign through the lens of party evaluations and social dynamics:

- Peter John Loewen, Daniel Rubenson, Rose de Geus, Mujahedul Islam, Allison Harell, and Laura Stephenson. Winning and losing power: an analytical narrative of the 2015 and 2019 Canadian federal elections.
- Philippe Mongrain. Citizens as Inadvertent Pollsters? The Effect of Contact Networks on Citizens' Forecasting Skills.
- Katharina Lawall. My Enemy's Enemy is my Friend: The Implications of Negative Partisanship in Multi-Party Systems.
- Matthew Lebo and Laura Stephenson. It's not over 'til it's over: Advance Voting and the Importance of Campaigns.



*Panel 2 : Social and Political Cleavages in Canada*

[https://cpsaevents.ca/2021/sessions\\_pl.php?id=102](https://cpsaevents.ca/2021/sessions_pl.php?id=102)

The following papers, presented in the second panel, focus on how various forms of diversity and intergroup attitudes affect social and political life in Canada:

- Eric Merkley. Are Canadian Dating Relationships Characterized by Political Homophily? Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment.
- Colin Scott. Committed Canadians? Shared Membership Beliefs and Support for the Right to Wear Religious Symbols.
- Laura French Bourgeois, Allison Harell, and Laura Stephenson. Voting as a Social Act: Social Norms and Turnout in the 2019 Federal Election.
- Joanie Bouchard and Sabrina Bourgeois. Governance Crisis and Railroad Politics: Indigenous People's Perception of Canadian Political Institutions.
- Edana Beauvais. How White Identity Shapes Canadian Politics.

*Roundtables*

C-Dem has also organized two roundtables. One, titled *Provincial Elections in Perspective*, will bring C-Dem researchers together to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on three provincial elections, addressing topics such as how the electorate reacted to a pandemic election, how the parties campaigned, what the main issues were, and how successfully the elections were run. The discussion will draw upon the election surveys gathered by C-Dem at the time of each election.

[https://cpsaevents.ca/2021/sessions\\_pl.php?id=148](https://cpsaevents.ca/2021/sessions_pl.php?id=148)

The other is a training session roundtable, *Studying Canadian Public Opinion: A How-To Guide with Explorations*, led by Loleen Berdahl and Jason Roy, C-Dem co-investigators. They will introduce their textbook, "Explorations: Conducting Empirical Research in Canadian Political Science" and explain how it can help those interested in studying public opinion to use the CES (see abstract on previous page).

[https://cpsaevents.ca/2021/sessions\\_pl.php?id=62](https://cpsaevents.ca/2021/sessions_pl.php?id=62)

***International Society of Political Psychology, July 11 – 13, 2021***

The following paper will be submitted for presentation:

Allison Harell, Laura Stephenson, Daniel Rubenson, and Peter John Loewen.  
The Social Nature of Partisanship During an Election Campaign.

***American Political Science Association, September 30 – October 3, 2021***

## **(f) Knowledge Mobilization**

### **i. C-Dem Activities in 2020 – 2021 to Date**

#### ***Early Career Researchers Roundtables, July 15, 29, and August 12, 2020***

- Collaboration with the Gender and Politics Lab (Memorial University of Newfoundland, A. Bittner, Director) and the Canadian Opinion Research Archive (CORA, Queen's University, E. Goodyear-Grant, Director); both Directors are C-Dem researchers, CORA is a C-Dem partner

#### ***Vote 19 Summit, September 15 to October 21, 2020***

- Six sessions re: insights and experiences from the 2019 federal election
- Organized by J. Beebe (Democratic Engagement Exchange) and M. McGregor (both are C-Dem researchers, Ryerson University)
- Five additional C-Dem network members participated in the sessions

#### ***cesR Workshop, January 15, 2021***

- Online workshop with the authors of the new *cesR* package (R. Alexander and P. Hodgetts, University of Toronto) that contains all existing CES surveys
- Co-sponsored by C-Dem in collaboration with the Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (C-Dem Partner)

#### ***Annual Peer-Reviewed Module Competition***

- *2020 winners*: researcher winner - Eric Merkley (University of Toronto); PhD student winners - Katharina Lawall (London School of Economics) and Colin Scott (McGill University); their modules were included on the 2020 DC
- *2021 winners*: researcher winner – Jessica Smith (University of South Hampton); PhD student winner – Nicole McMahon (Western University); their modules will be included on the 2021 DC

#### ***External Modules***

- The *Mosaic Institute* contracted with C-Dem to include a small battery of questions on the 2020 Democracy Checkup in May 2020
- *CIFAR* purchased survey space on the second wave of the 2020 DC
- *Elections NB* collaborated with C-Dem to include a module on the election study in September 2020
- *Elections BC* contributed to the BC Election study in exchange for bespoke questions in October and November 2020
- C-Dem engaged with *Elections SK* to field some questions on the C-Dem election study that mirrored their own data collection

#### ***2021 Researcher Virtual Meeting, February 1***

- Input was received in preparation for the next CES
- Three of the PTES leads - BC, NB, and Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) - shared their experiences of recent elections
- Innovations to pursue regarding modes of data collection were discussed as well as opportunities for student engagement

### ***2021 Advisory Council Virtual Meeting, February 22***

- Feedback was obtained regarding modes of data collection, optimal sample size, and probability sampling
- Options were provided regarding how best to respond if a 'snap' election is called in the next few months

### ***Virtual Meeting of the Electoral Management Bodies (EMB), March 11***

- Planned by Elections ON in collaboration with C-Dem
- Discussion of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on elections
- Chief Electoral Officers of Elections NB, Elections BC, Elections SK, and Elections NL shared their experiences of elections during the pandemic
- C-Dem (A. Harell and L. Stephenson) presented a comparative analysis of the four elections based on the responses to a set of core questions included in each provincial election survey
- C-Dem and Elections ON facilitated an open discussion of the lessons learned from elections held during the pandemic

## **ii. Upcoming C-Dem Activities in 2021 – 2022**

### ***Joint Event with the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy***

- Focus is the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on elections
- C-Dem will present research from its own recent data collections

### ***CES Data Release II, May 2021***

- Updated coding for occupation, urban residence, and open-ended questions, including the most important campaign issue and political information questions
- Researchers in the larger Canadian community have been willing to provide their coding to C-Dem for both residence and occupation for inclusion in the next version of the dataset

### **2021 Data Report Series**

- See above, (e)Key Outputs, (v) New Methodological Paper Series

### ***Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop (TPBW) November 2021***

- C-Dem is a co-sponsor of the TPBW workshop, organized by D. Rubenson and P. Loewen, both C-Dem Executive Committee members

### ***C-Dem Public Forum and International Conference (Spring/Summer 2022)***

- Tentatively planning a large outreach activity, combining the annual forum, partner, and researcher meetings with an academic workshop
- Purpose is to:
  - Bring together academic, policy, and non-governmental organization communities to share each other's work and engage in fruitful discussion
  - Facilitate participation of C-Dem network members, international speakers, and other stakeholders
  - Take stock of what has been accomplished and make more concrete plans for the second half of C-Dem's project

## **Agenda Item # 2: Breakout Session Re: Forum Timing, Location, and Themes**

### **(a) Timing and Location**

The slight preference among partners was to hold the Forum in June in Montreal.

### **(b) Themes**

#### ***i. Electoral process***

- Access versus integrity in elections
- Confidence in the elections and integrity of elections
- Elections during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Interprovincial searching for patterns - connecting it up with other provinces, e.g., low voter turnout - single parenthood (more important than poverty) - what kind of granularity is needed to do something with this?
- Political efficacy and participation of diverse groups
- Experience and expectations of voters, how to improve the service of EMB
- How people engage (voting, civic engagement, political campaigns)

#### ***ii. Information and Disinformation***

- Deceptive online practices
- Dis-information and how it impacts elections and subgroups

#### ***iii. Heterogeneity***

- Access with people with disabilities
- Indigenous peoples living in urban areas
- Data gaps in information
- Participation of underrepresented groups in elections
- Linguistic minorities - GLOCAL - understanding information and local affairs
- EBC - also directing efforts to underrepresented groups
- Also PCO - election process and accessibility
- Young citizens (20s and early 30s)
- Multicultural groups
- Indigenous groups
- Homeless electors

#### ***iv. Data Issues***

- How to get good survey sample to reach underrepresented groups in data collection
- Data gaps for key communities, how matches with census

#### ***v. Diversity and Inclusion***

- Feeling of belonging in society and if society belongs with them (and has the pandemic affected these attitudes)
- Incongruity of popular perceptions of multicultural policy - antipathy or negativity from the media on that subject matter

#### ***vi. Grievances and political instability***

- Populism
- One idea is for partners to present internal reports, assessments and get critical feedback/reactions, e.g., Assessments of Canadian diversity from GCP

### **Agenda Item # 3: Partner Reports**

Links to the presentations made by C-Dem partner organizations are listed below.

**(a) The Samara Centre for Pluralism**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/bky6atcc9y5cdzu/Presentation%20by%20the%20Samar%20Centre%20for%20Democracy%20May%2010%202021%20C-Dem%20Partner%20Forum.pdf?dl=0>

**(b) The Global Centre for Pluralism**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6p5cw7rin9kmvyj/GCP%20Presentation%20C-Dem%20Partner%20Mtg%2010052021.docx?dl=0>

**(c) The Glocal Foundation of Canada**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/temzcaw6ijxpnew/English%20GLOCAL%20Annual%20Report%20Public%20release%20%281.pdf?dl=0>

**(d) Elections ON**

The presentation is available by contacting Aaron GlynWilliams, Manager, Research & Insights, [Aaron.GlynWilliams@elections.on.ca](mailto:Aaron.GlynWilliams@elections.on.ca)

**(e) Latin American Public Opinion Project Lab (LAPOP)**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4apqkputjo0vm45/LAPOP%20C-Dem%202021%20Partner%20Report.pdf?dl=0>

**(f) Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL)**

<https://www.pearlmunk.com/>

**(g) Invitation from Holly Ann Garnett, representative of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/f7mvc6b0l6thgx0/H.%20Garnett%20RMC%20Letter%20to%20Partners.pdf?dl=0>

### **Agenda Item # 4: Plenary Discussion**

**(a) Outreach Activities of Joint Interest**

The activities discussed were consistent with the themes identified for the C-Dem Forum in 2022, including participation of diverse and underrepresented groups in the electoral process and barriers to voter participation.

**(b) Other Initiatives C-Dem Could Undertake**

There were no suggestions. Partners were encouraged to reach out to C-Dem if they become aware of potential initiatives.

### **Agenda Item # 5: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

## APPENDIX

### Participants

#### (a) C-Dem Partners

- Apathy is Boring, *Erika de Torres*, Impact and Development Director
- Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, *Frederick Bastien*, Director
- Democratic Institutions Secretariat, Privy Council Office, *David Ott*, Senior Policy Officer
- Elections British Columbia, *Anton Boegman*, Chief Electoral Officer
- Elections Manitoba, *Alison Mitchell*, Manager of Communications & Public Information
- Elections Ontario:
  - *Aaron GlynWilliams*, Manager, Research & Insights
  - *Antoine Vandemoortele*, Senior Advisor, Research & Insight
- Elections Saskatchewan, *John Marshall*, Coordinator, Strategic Initiatives and Projects
- Global Centre for Pluralism:
  - *Kundan Mishra*, Program Officer, Global Analysis
  - *Matthew Burkard*, Program Officer
  - *Michael Youash*, Manager, Global Analysis
- Global Foundation of Canada:
  - *Faye Ying*, Executive Director
  - *Carla Caruana*, Director of Research
- Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada, *Lorna Jantzen*, Assistant Director, Partnership Team
- Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, *Holly Ann Garnett*, C-Dem representative
- Latin American Public Opinion Project Lab, *Elizabeth Zechmeister*, Director
- Tłıchǵ Government, *Jessica Simpson*, Project Coordinator
- The Samara Centre for Democracy, *Adelina Petit-Vouriot*, Research Manager

#### (b) Affiliates

- Elections Canada, *Graham Laurie*, Policy and Research Analyst

#### (c) C-Dem Executive Committee

- *Allison Harell*, Professor, Département de science politique, Université du Québec à Montréal (C-Dem Co-Director)
- *Daniel Rubenson*, Professor, Department of Politics, Ryerson University
- *Laura Stephenson*, Professor, Department of Political Science, Western University (C-Dem Co-Director)
- *Peter Loewen*, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto